

# EPWORTH WORSHIP TOGETHER,

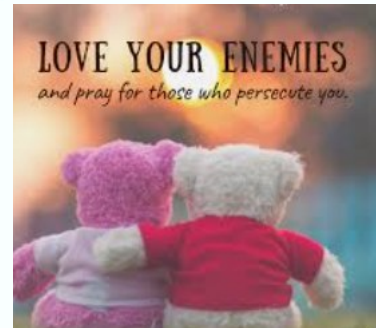


## This week's big idea

### Love

We are called  
to show love to  
everyone.

Week 23



## Bible verse of the week

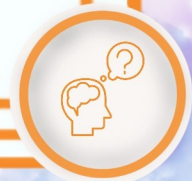
## Exploring further

*Matthew 5:43–48*

Jesus tells us something really important in these verses:  
Most people are kind to their friends, but Jesus wants us to go **one step further** — He wants us to be kind even to people who are unkind to us.

**“Love your enemies.”**

Jesus is saying we should try to be kind, even when someone isn't kind back. It doesn't mean we have to be best friends with someone who hurts us, but we can still choose not to be nasty in return.



## Prayer of the week



Dear God,  
Please help me to be kind, even to people who are unkind to me.  
Give me the courage to pray for anyone who hurts my feelings and  
to choose good actions, even when it's hard.  
Take away any anger in my heart and help me show Your love in  
everything I do.  
Amen.

## This week's worship song

### I'm Gonna Be Rich in Kind- ness



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JTrktEOjfkw>



## This week's activity

Write some ideas for an act of kindness on a paper heart. Draw a jar in your worship log and place all your hearts in it and around it.

Try to put your ideas into action this week.



## Explore further at home



Read the story of the Good Samaritan and think about helping people in need. [Luke 10:25-37](#)

Make a 'Happy Heart' to help you remember to show love to everyone.



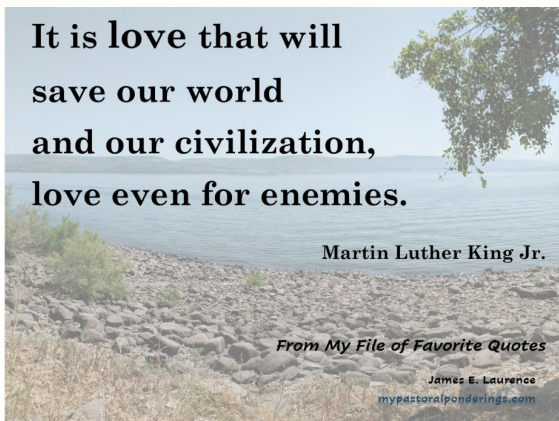
## Quote of the week

It is love that will save our world and our civilization, love even for enemies.

Martin Luther King Jr.

From My File of Favorite Quotes

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## Picture of the week

